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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :— "That is possible, Sir."

*Compulsory learning of Hindi by the Madras officials serving under the Government of India*

* 353 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Government have been consulted by the Government of Indlia in regard to compulsory learning of Hindi by the Madras officials serving under the Government of India;

(*b*) if so, whether it applies to the officials who are to be appointed in future, or also to existing officials; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place the correspondence if any on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) This Government are not aware of any such proposal.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of a report, which appeared prominently in the Press, that officials serving in the Government of India are compulsorily learning the Hindi language? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I am not aware of any such report. But I may tell the hon. Member that there is no such proposal that the Madras officials serving under the Government of India should be compulsorily made to learn Hindi."

*Vanniakula Kshatriyas in public services*

* 354 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the percentage of the Vanniakula Kshatriyas in the public services in relation to their population?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" The population strength of the Vanniakula Kshatriyas in this State is not given separately in the 1951 Census Report. Information as to their number in the public services is not readily available and collection of the information will involve much time and labour. Even if this information is collected it will not be possible to give the percentage of their representation in the services in relation to their population as the population strength is not known."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" Sir, is there even one District Collector among the Vanniakula Kshatriyas? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not know about that, Sir. The hon. Member may give the information."